

**B.O.S.S. Study Guide**  
**“The Coming Ages”**  
Week of January 11, 2010

Just a bit of review from Sunday’s lesson to start things off.

**What were the three questions Jesus’ disciples had for him in Matthew 24:3?**

The third question had to do with the “end of the age”- and that Jesus answered first. We know this because the word “end” is used in verses 4-14.

**In your Bible underline “end” in verse 6, 13 and 14 - then draw a line back to the words “end of the age” in verse 3.** This will help you remember He is answering the third question first.

The second question was “what will be the sign of your coming?”

**Again, underline the word “coming” in verse 27, “sign of the Son of Man will appear” in verse 30 (twice) – then again, a line back to “sign of your coming” in verse 3.** This will remind you that the answer to the second question is given in verses 15-31.

From your notes on Sunday or a re-reading of verses 15-31 – **what were the three signs of His coming?**

Verses 15-31 give us important information on the last 3½ years of the tribulation period – we will cover it in detail this Sunday.

**What are some of the warnings Jesus gives or descriptions of those times in verses 15-25?**

**Read together Matthew 23:37-39**

As we wrapped up our study on Sunday, it seemed to me that chapter 24:4-31 are the final series of events that moves the Nation of Israel, as a whole, from their current condition, “you were not willing” 23:27 to, “you will say, ‘blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

Really, a 180 degree turn - a complete change of heart as Zechariah 12:10 states.

**(Someone in the group turn to and read Zechariah 12:10.)**

In our lives this kind of turn often occurs in our lives through trials and struggles, either brought on as a consequence of our own behavior or directly by the hand of God intervening in our lives.

**Can you recall such a time in your own life** that you would consider your condition to have been “unwilling” and God brought you to a place where you said “blessed is God” that you would be willing to share with your group?

**How were you showing unwillingness? In what way(s) were you resisting God?**

**What did God allow or create around you that caused you to make a turn – a change of heart and actions?**

**Basically what I am asking you to share is what things looked like then, what they look like now, and what it took to make that change?**

This first series of questions is intended to be a testimony of the past - maybe someone in the group is struggling right now in an area of unwillingness or resistance to God - maybe you. Take significant time to think and ponder these next questions – take time to begin writing your answers.

**Is there an area of your life right now that you are struggling with in your heart? An area where the Lord is saying “I would, but you are not willing.” Write it down – What does it look like?**

**According to God’s word, what should that area look like? What are God’s expectations of you in this area?**

**What is keeping you from making the needed changes?**

**I would encourage you to spend some time really praying and thinking about these last questions this week.** It would also be very helpful to share your struggle with someone else in your life - someone you have confidence in, trust and who will prayerfully help you make the challenging decisions (Maybe someone in your group, our church or who you have a spiritual relationship with already).

Praise and Prayer Time